

24. A graphical user interface according to Claim 22 or 23, further comprising control means, operable by the user, for altering the movement of the set of graphical images.

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## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method of distributing performance data concerning a plurality of subjects (such as stock market companies) from a distribution site to a user site is described. The method comprises storing gathered performance data concerning each of the subjects in a central database, where the storing step comprises storing the gathered data to form a contiguous sequential block of historical data for each subject. The method also includes, on request from the user, providing a stream of historical data from the blocks in the central database such that a ticker tape of a plurality of graphical historical data charts can be displayed at the user's site, automatically and without user interaction.